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Had a telegram from Cleveland -- all is at last well and the communiqué and signature of the Protocols has been issued. This leaves agreement on the Saar/the last formal obstacles-- apart from domestic political ones -- to a vote by the French Parliament on EDC.

Went off in Virginia's car by the old road to Venice and saw some further villas, including the famous one by Palladio, La Malcontenta. I thought the front almost perfect, the back ugly.

Cold, damp, sunless in Venice. We all lunched at Quadri's. The girls went back to Abano about three and I remained to wander around. Took the bus to Padua, had a long walk there, especially enjoying the Piazza dei Signori. (We had stopped at St. Anthony's this morning -- the cloisters are most satisfying. Also saw the Giotto frescoes in the gay chapel in the Roman arena.)

We all went tonight to see a Twentieth Century-Fox gangster movie called "Mano Pericolosa". It was almost impossible to follow the story in Italian, but there was a lot of shooting and rough stuff.

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